

I. PROCEDURES

A. Call to Order 7:00 PM

Mayor Moore called the meeting to order.

B. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation

The pledge of allegiance was recited, and Kerry-Lynn Moede provided the invocation.

C. Roll Call

Present: Mayor Moore, Vice Mayor Don Dent, Council member Mike Cowen, Council member Bernie Hiemenz, Council member Frank McNelly, Council member Lee Payne, and Council member Dawn Trapp.

Present from City Staff, Finance Director Barbara Bell, Police Chief Herman Nixon, and City Clerk/HR Director Pamela Galvan.

Approval of Minutes for June 11 (Regular), 12(Special Meeting), and 15(Special Emergency Meeting), 2020.

Motion: *To approve the Minutes of June 11, 12 and 15, 2020 all approved as presented.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Vice Mayor Dent, Seconded by Council member Cowen.*

Motion passed unanimously.

E. Adopt Agenda

Motion: *To adopt the agenda as presented.*

Action: *Adopted*

Moved by *Council member Hiemenz, Seconded by Vice Mayor Dent.*

Motion passed unanimously.

II. PRESENTATIONS – Coconino County Supervisor Matt Rayan will provide Council with the current state of Bill Williams Mountain.

Mr. Ryan thank Council for their time and wants to highlight the partnership that has been brought together and is working on the Bill Williams project.

He asked each of the partners to introduce themselves. In attendance are Jimmy Jayne, Coconino County Manger, Debra Mollet, District Ranger with

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the Kaibab NF, Williams RD, Sasha Stortz, Arizona Program Manager with the Arizona National Forest Foundation, Art Babbitt, Coconino County Supervisor, Jay Smith County Forest Restoration Director, Mr. Payne an intern with Coconino County, and Dr. Greg Nelson, assistant to Matt Ryan.

Matt expressed how there is frustration in getting the mountain thinned over time. He presented what the county and partnerships have been doing.

He offered to turn it over to the National Forest Foundation so that they could present to Council their role in coordination, then followed by the Kaibab National Forest Williams Ranger District Services and their role in planning and maintaining the mountain.

He noted the following points:

- How Mr. Babbitt has played a big part in helping pull things together on a county level, while at the same time addressing flood control.
- He mentioned the Environment Impact Study (EIS) that was done, and how it was important component in moving forward in planning for the mountain.
- The next piece performed was a post-wildfire debris flow assessment within the flood control district, then working together working with the city's staff they were able to get RACK grant that helped to put together a pre-disaster plan.

The county recognized that wildfire and post-wildfire flooding pose the greatest risk/threat to the Williams's residents, businesses and economy. An economic study was done as well.

The partnership consists of the National Forest Foundation, the Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM), the State, and the Kaibab National Forest.

Mr. Babbitt stated the most important issue that faces our communities is how to build a landscape around us to make sure the public lands are maintained and kept as assets to us all. He stated that the County and the Board of Supervisors has identified Bill Williams Mountain as a top priority for restoration.

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He noted, we know that we will pay one way or another, the question is, do we pay in a preventative way or do we pay in the cost of cleanup after a catastrophic fire, and post fire flooding. He thanked the city for their support and part in the partnership with the county.

Jimmy Jayne's expressed his thankfulness of the partnership taking place with this endeavor.

Mr. Smith County Forest Restoration Director presented future projects which include evaluation and pursuing matching funds to continue similar efforts such as coordination with Flagstaff Watershed Protection Project on Mormon Mountain, and funding LiDAR flights to evaluate watersheds from Mormon Mountain west around our community and Oak Creek watershed. This is an effort to analyze if they are doing the right kind of treatments, in the right places, and if they can do better. They will continue to work with forest service, and state to find ways to improve the economics, so that they can get the timber to pay for some of the work instead of using tax payer dollars.

Last year they purchase an air curtain burner. The burner is a tool that helps address the high cost of removing biomass by burning the material on-site while reducing the negative impacts from smoke. They are evaluating its potential for use to help communities reduce fire danger, including use in community cleanups. He offered the curtain burner to Williams for use with brush cleanup and during our community cleanups at no cost. *Forest restoration protects communities and saves tax dollars by reducing future emergency response costs and creates viable industry and economic opportunities.*

Ms. Stortz Arizona Program Manager for the National Forest Foundation explained who they are and their role in the Bill Williams Mountain Restoration. They were established by Congress as an official non-profit partner of the forest service. Their mission is to bring people together to restore and enhance our national forests. They build understanding of forest and community priorities and they work to raise funding for projects that enhance forest health and improve outdoor experiences for all. They are working on a number of projects in the state right now naming a few of them Prescott and Oak Creek, as well as with Coconino National Forest working to set up a program to move wood from forest restoration treatment out to the communities on Navajo and Hopi who are in need of fuel.

They act as a bridging organization, they work to hold and leverage funds and bring together communities, bring together plans of private and public partnerships in order to manage and implement projects efficiently.

Matt realizes that the city is putting their monies towards infrastructure at this time, but would look for letters of support in working with them, as they are helpful in obtaining funding.

Ms. Mollet Williams District Ranger expressed how it is all about the partnership. She explained what they have done to date and what is going to happen in the future. She addressed her map and the areas of treatment that has taken place, what is ongoing and future. She reference the Steep Slope area and areas that will be treated in 2021 and after completion of Steep Slope One they will be looking at another area which will be called Steep Slope Two. They were using real-time removal off the mountain as they were cutting they were also removing wood at the same time.

- Mayor Moore stated that they have done an excellent job in presentation and work put into this project, and we will do our part to keep it going.
- Council member McNelly when someone wants to donate do they direct where or what their monies are applied to? Ms. Stortz reply was, "It depends". Mr. Babbitt explained that organizations like the Department of Forestry and Fire Management (DFFM) they want certain amounts of the money dedicated to Steep Slope and then a certain amount dedicated to broader acreage pieces to try to balance their needs, because they have people to answer to as well. There was continued explanation of how the funds are allocated.
- Council member McNelly inquired on treatment follow-up to they get the same priority until it is done. Ms. Mollet and others agreed that no area is ever done, but is always in need of ongoing maintenance. The treatment is just to get it to the point of manageability.
- Council member Cowen inquired on a time frame of the thinning. Ms. Mollet expressed that the mountain will always be of concern, every time they do a treatment it gets them to a position of greater management. It is continual management of the mountain.
- They will continue to work to gain funds and partners for the mountain.
- Mayor and Council thanked all for their work with this project.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION –

Robin Begay Rural Victim Advocate for Coconino County, representative for the Williams and surrounding areas, came to update Council with some of the things she has been working on. She is located in our courthouse. They are coordinating a monthly meeting called the Williams Community Resource meeting. They had their first meet yesterday, it was to bring people together who offer services to the community, for them to network together so that they can assist victims and point them in the right direction. They had twelve participants call into the meeting and they will be holding this meeting on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1pm.

She is working to bring more training to the community, like bystander training, it will focus on teaching skills to individuals so that community members can help a victims. She is also planning an event for domestic violence awareness month to share that they are here in the community and can help.

IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – None**V. NON-CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

- A.** Council may discuss and take action to adopt Resolution No. 1405 Designating the Deputy City Clerk as Alternate to the Rural Arizona Group Health Trust (RAGHT).

The City Clerk read Resolution No 1405 by number and title only.

Motion: *To approve Resolution No 1405 as read.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by Council member *McNelly*, **Seconded by** Council member *Hiemenz*

Motion passed unanimously.

- B.** Council may discuss and take possible action with the recommendation from the Historic Preservation Commission on the new Williams Historic Business District Design Guidelines.

Margaret Hangan, Yvette Hudson and Mike Besler are here from the Historic Preservation Commission to present to Council and answer questions with regards to the new guidelines book that has been put into print. It is a reference and a guide meant to be fluid not a static guide. They put it out for public comment and received good responses that were also added to the guide. It was submitted to the National Historic Preservation and it was well received. It has

become a model for other Arizona cities and towns. They are here because it must be approved by the City Council in order to be active.

Mayor Moore felt the Council should look deeper into this guide before voting. There are ordinances in place that it may contradict. He suggested it be reviewed carefully and brought back before Council at another time.

- Council member Cowen noted the difficulty in obtaining registry with the National Historic Preservation and agreed that Council should carefully review before making a decision to approve the guide presented before them. He provided history of the city over time and the importance of maintaining historic preservation. Lighting was a great concern, and how it is or can be interpreted, verses what the City historically wants it to be.

Margaret suggested there could be a bi-yearly review of the guide and if necessary make changes.

- Mayor Moore noted how there are different standards held for the community outside of the historic district. Vice Mayor Dent would like more time to go through the guide before making any decision.

Margaret agreed they should take their time and contact her should they have questions, suggestions or concerns.

- Mayor Moore asked that Council members Cowen and Trapp meet with the Historic Preservation Commission and come back in 30 days to revisit this with Council.

No action taken

- C.** Council may discuss and take possible action regarding a bill in the amount of \$12,983.00 for purchased parts and materials for restoration of railroad artifacts.

Motion: *To approve payment for purchased parts and materials for restoration of railroad artifacts in the amount of \$740.00, the city's portion.*

Action: *Approved*

Moved by *Vice Mayor Dent*, **Seconded by** *Council member Cowen.*

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REPORTS, CURRENT EVENTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

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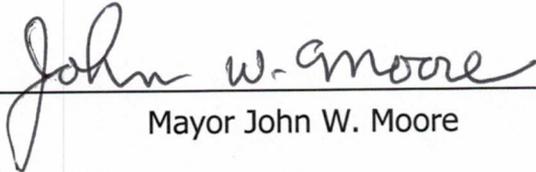
Mayor and Council

- Mayor noted that the operations of the city are going well. WIFA and CDBG are on tract. There are no current telephone issues reported.
- Council member Cowen noted an email from Heather Herman regarding a TRIP act. It is tax credits for monies spent on lodging and entertainment.

Staff

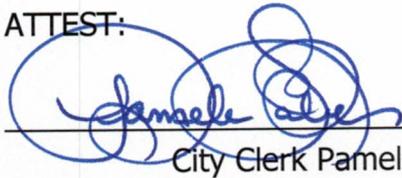
- Finance Director, Barbara Bell noted that residents and businesses may now make all their utility payments online now.

II. ADJOURN – 8:30 PM



Mayor John W. Moore

ATTEST:



City Clerk Pamela Galvan

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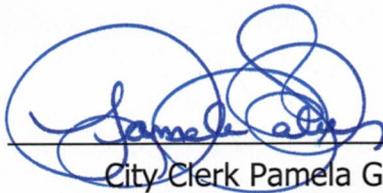
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CERTIFICATION

State of Arizona,)
) ss.
Coconino County,)

I, PAMELA GALVAN, do hereby certify that I am the City Clerk of the City of Williams, County of Coconino, State of Arizona, and that the above Minutes are a true and correct summary of the Meeting of the Council of the City of Williams held on June 25, 2020. I further certify that the Meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present.

Dated this 26TH day of June 2020.



City Clerk Pamela Galvan